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General Procedures and Information for Licensure at 22 VAC 40-80-160 A 2 requires "At the time of the initial application and at least annually thereafter, the applicant or licensee shall obtain an inspection report from state or local fire authorities, as applicable, to determine compliance of the building or buildings with the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code."

Only certified fire inspectors or officials at the state or local level may make those inspections.

The State Fire Marshal and some of the Regional Fire Marshals have reported to the Division of Licensing Programs that fire inspections in licensed/regulated facilities are being conducted by local fire personnel who are not certified fire inspectors or officials.

The following is the link to the list of certified local fire officials (inspectors in localities that enforce the Statewide Fire Prevention Code):

http://www.vafire.com/state_fire_marshall/PDFs/FireOfficiallisting08102011.pdf

If a County, City, Town is not listed on the website above, then the State Fire Marshal's Office will be the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). A list of the State Fire Marshal's Regional Offices is available at:

http://www.vafire.com/state_fire_marshall/state_fire_marshall_regional_offices.html